

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:)	
)	
Cole et al.)	
)	
Serial No.)	EXPRESS MAIL NO:
)	EV 303 831 399 US
Filed: Herewith)	
)	DATE: October 9, 2003
For: COVER ASSEMBLY FOR AN IN-)	
FLOOR FITTING)	
)	
)	

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sirs:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are indicated for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application.

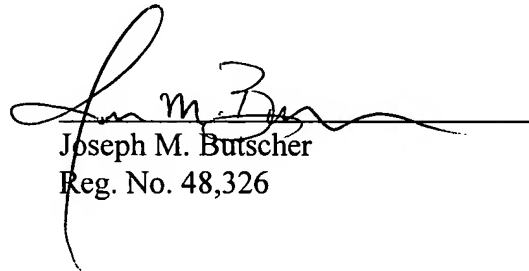
The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO-1449, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

The indication of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 is for the purpose of providing a complete record and is not a concession that the references listed thereon are prior art to the invention claimed in the patent application. The right is expressly reserved to establish an invention date earlier than the above-identified filing date in order to remove any reference submitted herewith as prior art should it be deemed appropriate to do so.

Further, the indication of the references is not to be taken as a concession that any reference represents art that is relevant or analogous to the claimed invention. Accordingly, the right to argue that any reference is not properly within the scope of prior art relevant to an examination of the claims in the above-identified application is also expressly reserved.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: October 9, 2003



Joseph M. Butscher
Reg. No. 48,326

Form PTO-1449 (Rev. 8-83)	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 13256US03	SERIAL NO. 10/054,643
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION (Use several sheets if necessary)		APPLICANT: Cole et al.	
		FILING DATE 1/22/02	GROUP ART UNIT:

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIAT E
	1.	2,672,749	03/23/54	Wiesmann			
	2.	3,646,244	02/29/72	Cole			
	3.	3,666,134	05/30/72	Rauch			
	4.	3,830,954	18/20/74	Caudill			
	5.	4,027,097	05/31/77	Gillemot			
	6.	4,058,358	11/15/77	Carlisle			
	7.	4,109,095	08/22/78	Kling et al.			
	8.	4,197,959	04/15/80	Kramer			
	9.	4,228,317	10/14/80	Cziment			
	10.	4,289,921	09/15/81	Gartner et al.			
	11.	4,342,493	08/03/82	Grenell			
	12.	4,343,411	08/10/82	Chesnut et al.			
	13.	4,458,460	07/10/84	Kohaut			
	14.	4,541,538	09/17/85	Swetnam			
	15.	4,640,564	02/03/87	Hill			
	16.	4,711,634	12/08/87	Antone, II et al.			
	17.	4,733,017	03/22/88	Wolfe-Taylor et al.			
	18.	4,770,643	09/13/88	Castellani et al.			
	19.	4,774,384	09/27/88	Gregory			
	20.	4,793,818	12/27/88	Poirier			
	21.	4,810,833	03/07/89	Meyers			
	22.	4,857,004	08/15/89	Poirier			
	23.	4,874,906	10/17/89	Shotey			

	24.	4,883,924	11/28/89	Hadfield			
	25.	4,952,754	08/28/90	Rye			
	26.	4,952,756	08/28/90	Meyers			
	27.	5,017,153	05/21/91	Bowman			
	28.	5,030,795	07/09/91	Domigan			
	29.	5,032,690	07/16/91	Bloom			
	30.	5,041,698	08/20/91	Takagi et al.			
	31.	5,107,075	04/21/92	Currier, Jr.			
	32.	5,148,348	09/15/92	White			
	33.	5,160,808	11/03/92	Hadfield			
	34.	5,240,426	08/31/93	Barla			
	35.	5,272,278	12/21/93	Wuertz			
	36.	5,288,945	02/22/94	Bruce			
	37.	5,306,178	04/26/94	Huang			
	38.	5,563,373	10/08/96	Doroslovac			
	39.	5,571,023	11/05/96	Anthony			
	40.	5,588,853	12/31/96	Anthony			
	41.	5,727,958	03/17/98	Chen			
	42.	5,743,752	04/28/98	Massebeuf			
	43.	5,866,845	02/02/99	Markiewicz et al.			
	44.	5,998,735	12/07/99	Patterson, Jr.			
	45.	6,018,126	01/25/00	Castellani et al.			
	46.	6,114,623	09/05/00	Bonilla et al.			
	47.	6,132,227	10/17/00	Boteler et al.			
	48.	6,175,078	01/16/01	Bambardekar et al.			
	49.	6,179,634	01/30/01	Hull et al.			
	50.	6,265,662B1	07/24/01	Riedy et al.			
	51.	6,307,152	10/2001	Bonilla et al.			
	52.	6,353,180	3/2002	DeBartolo, Jr. et al.			
	53.	6,417,446	7/2002	Whithead			

EXAMINER

DATE CONSIDERED

*EXAMINER: Initial citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
							YES	NO
	54.	JP 405304713A	11/93					

EXAMINER	DATE CONSIDERED
<p>*EXAMINER: Initial citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.</p>	